

JEFF LEMIRE

DOUG MAHNKE

SHAWN MOLL

DAVID BARON

17+
MATURE

SWAMP THING GREEN HELL



DC
BLACK LABEL

MD

BOOK
THREE

SWAMP THING GREEN HELL

JEFF LEMIRE – WRITER
DOUG MAHNKE WITH SHAWN MOLL – ARTISTS
DAVID BARON – COLORIST
STEVE WANDS – LETTERER

DOUG MAHNKE – COVER
CHRISTIAN WARD – VARIANT COVER
TRAVEL FOREMAN – 1:25 VARIANT COVER

SWAMP THING CREATED BY
LEN WEIN & BERNIE WRIGHTSON





THE END...THIS IS...THE
END. ALONE...DEVoured
BY THE VERY
THINGS...THAT MADE ME.



BUT STILL I
FIGHT. STILL
I...STRUGGLE.
WHY?



BECAUSE IF I FIGHT...IF
I DON'T GIVE UP...THERE
IS STILL A CHANCE.



STILL A CHANCE I WILL SEE
THEM AGAIN. TEFÉ...ABBY...



THE GREEN CUT ME OFF. ALL I HAVE
NOW IS THIS BODY. WHEN IT GOES...
I GO WITH IT. BUT THIS BODY...THIS
BODY STILL HOLDS SOME OF THE
GREEN WITHIN...THIS BODY STILL
HOLDS SOME POWER.



**Nanda Parbat.
Home of Animal Woman.**

SO HOW
ABOUT IT,
MAXINE MY LOVE?
FANCY ONE LAST
FIGHT AND ALL
THAT?

IT DOESN'T
SURPRISE ME THAT
YOU'RE *STILL ALIVE*,
JOHN. COCKROACHES
ARE SURVIVORS. BUT
THE COCKROACHES I
TALK TO AT LEAST
HAVE THE COURTESY
NOT TO SMOKE IN
MY HOME.

ASTRAL FORM,
LOVE. NO WORRIES
ABOUT SECOND-
HAND SMOKE.

WHAT DO
YOU WANT,
JOHN? WHY ARE
YOU HERE?

YOU *KNOW* WHY. YOU'RE STILL
THE LITTLE PRINCESS OF THE RED,
YEAH? YOU CAN *FEEL* WHAT'S
HAPPENING. THE QUESTION IS,
ARE YOU JUST GOING TO HIDE
AWAY HERE AND LET
IT *HAPPEN*?



WHY SHOULD I DO ANYTHING? MANKIND TURNED ITS BACK ON THE GREEN AND THE RED LONG AGO.

SO MANY CHANCES TO TURN THE TIDE, TO **CHANGE** THE WAY THEY LIVED WITH THE WORLD. BUT THEY JUST KEPT **KILLING** IT. THEIR OWN IMMEDIATE CONVENIENCE MORE IMPORTANT THAN THEIR FUTURE.



NOW IT'S FINALLY TIME TO PAY THE PRICE. THEY BROUGHT THIS ON THEMSELVES.



WHAT THE **FUCK** HAPPENED TO YOU?



"WHAT HAPPENED TO THAT BRIGHT-EYED LITTLE KID WHO COULDN'T **WAIT** TO PLAY SUPERHERO WITH HER DAD?"



AND LOOK WHERE PLAYING HERO GOT MY FATHER. HE LOST **HIS SON**. HE LOST HIS LIFE. AND HERE WE ARE--IN THE END, NONE OF IT MATTERED.

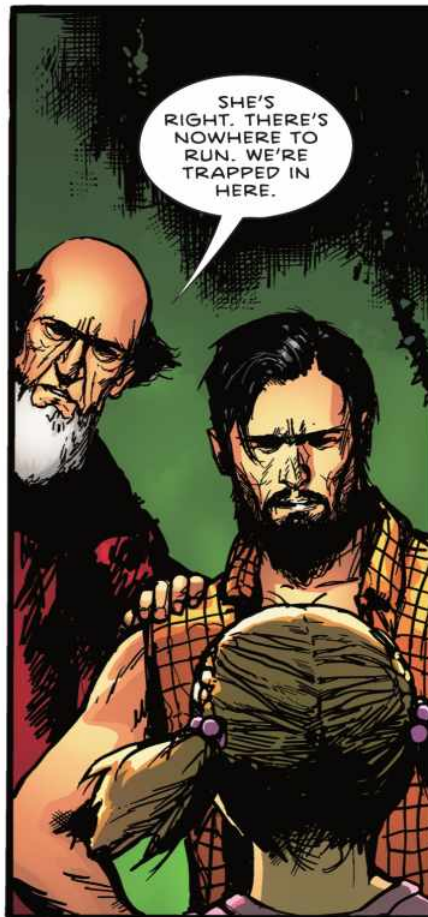
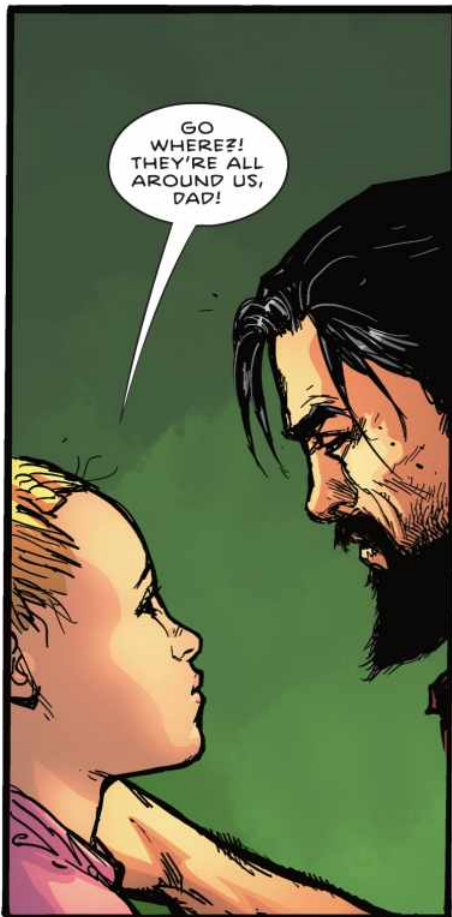


MAYBE IT **STILL CAN**, KIDDO.





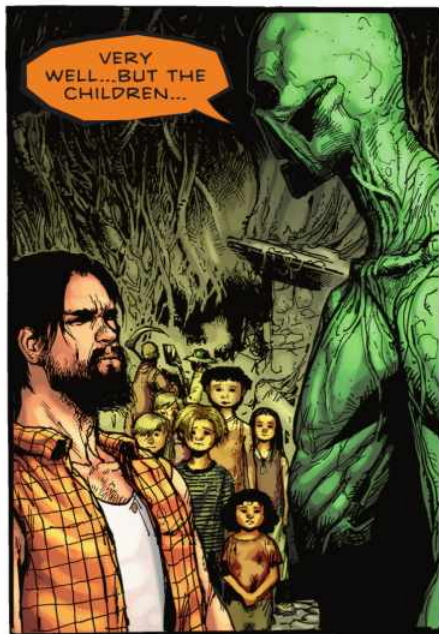














HSSSSSS!



ARRRRGH!

THEY ARE THROUGH.



STAY...
BEHIND
ME.



NO
OFFENSE,
BUT YOU
LOOK LIKE
YOU CAN
BARELY
STAND.



I AM
NOT...DEAD
YET...AND IF
I AM TO
DIE...





I'M--I'M
SCARED,
RONNIE.

I'M
SCARED
TOO. JUST
STAY
QUIET.



AAHHH!
HSSSS!

GRRRR...

OH
GOD!



TOO
MANY! THERE
ARE TOO
MANY!



ARRRGH!



RONNIE!

SKRITCH SKRITCH



IT'S ONE OF THEM! THEY'RE COMING! THEY'RE--

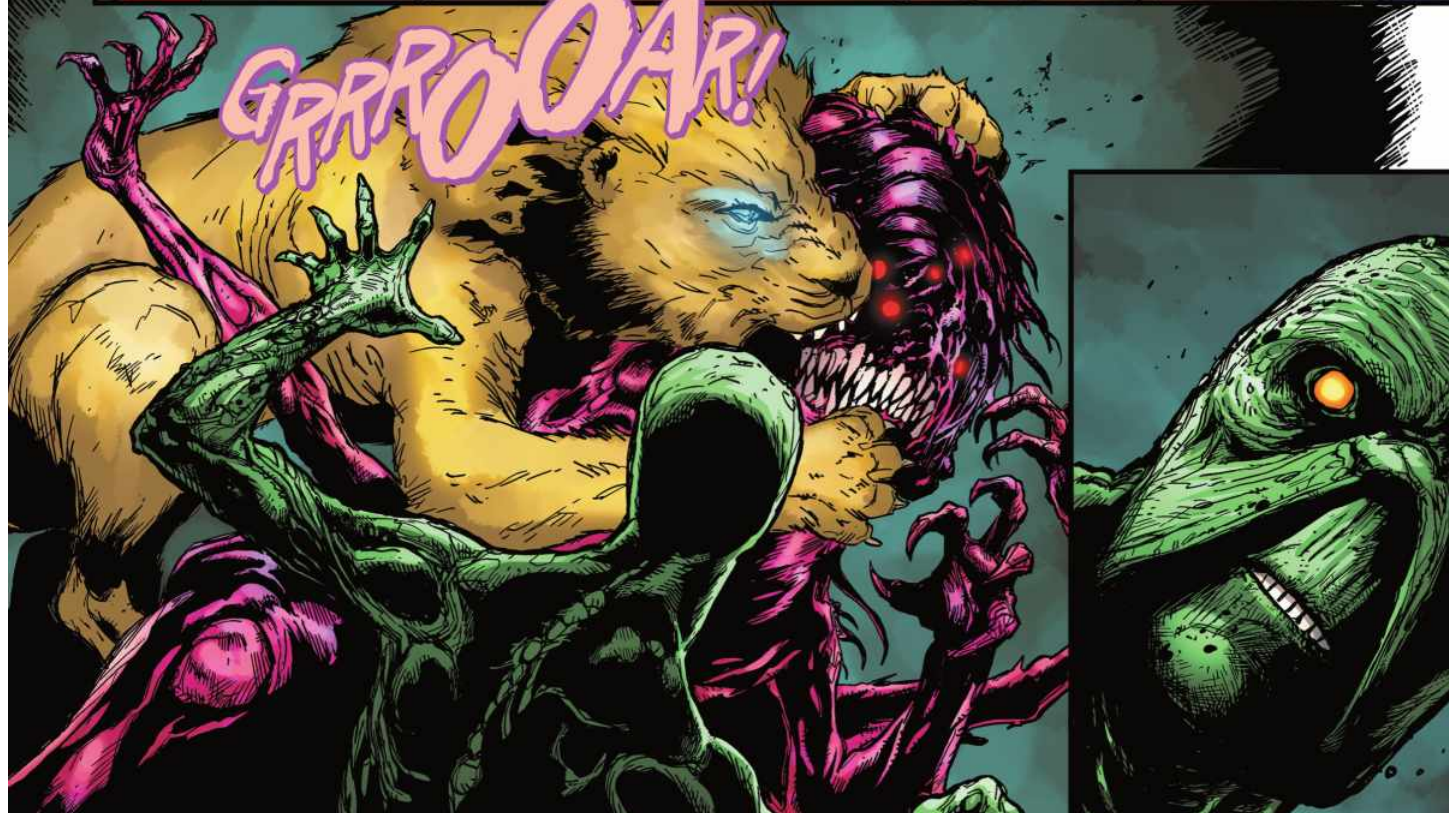
SKRITCH



--HERE?



SSSSSOVER AVATAR....IT'SSSSSS OVER. YOU CHOSSSSSE THE WRONG SSSSSSIDE.



GRRROOAR!





















PERCEPTIVE
AS ALWAYS, YA
PONCE.



WHAT IS THIS? WE BOTH
KNOW YOU *BELONG HERE*,
BUT YOUR CONJURINGS,
DECEPTIONS, AND CHEAP
TRICKS SAVED YOUR
SOUL LONG AGO.



INDEED, BUT
SEE, THAT'S EXACTLY
WHY I'M HERE. I
WANT TO *MAKE
A DEAL*.

JOHN,
WHAT ARE
YOU
DOINGZ?

QUIET,
BOSTON. THE
GROWN-UPS
ARE TALKING
NOW.



LISTEN UP,
'CAUSE I AM
ABOUT TO KICK
THE BUCKET. DO
YOU *WANT MY
SOUL* OR
NOTZ?

DO YOU
TAKE ME FOR
A FOOLZ I
HAVE BEEN
DUPED BY YOU
ONCE. NEVER
AGAIN.



BY MY
COUNT IT WAS
*MORE THAN
ONCE*, FUCKER.
BUT WHO'S
COUNTINGZ?

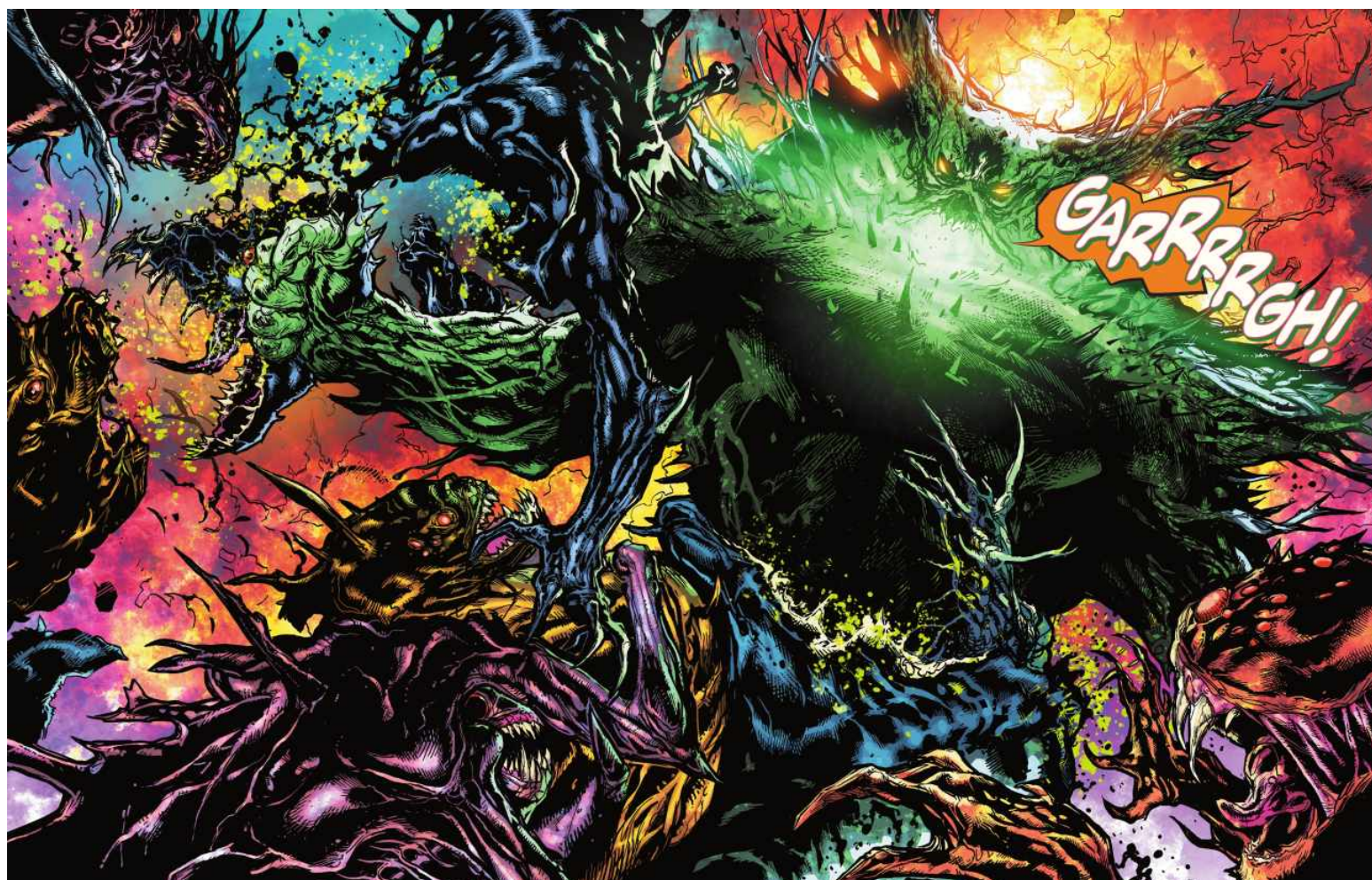
NO MORE
TRICKS. A
SIMPLE DEAL.
YOU IN OR NOTZ?
NO TIME TO PISS
AROUND.

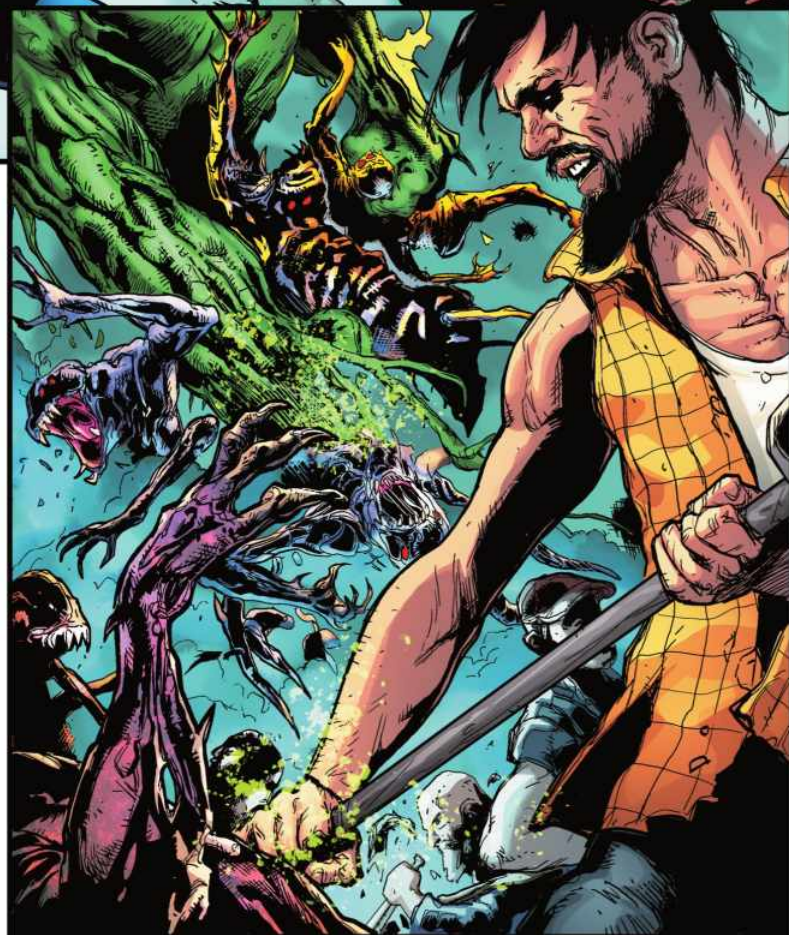
















WHAT
HAPPENED
TO YOU?

DO YOU...
REALLY NEED
TO ASK?



CONSTANTINE?

CONSTANTINE.

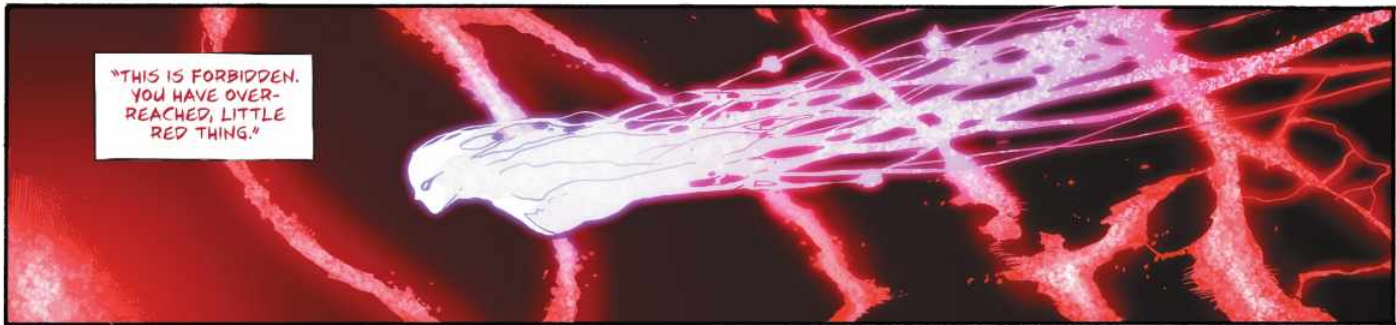
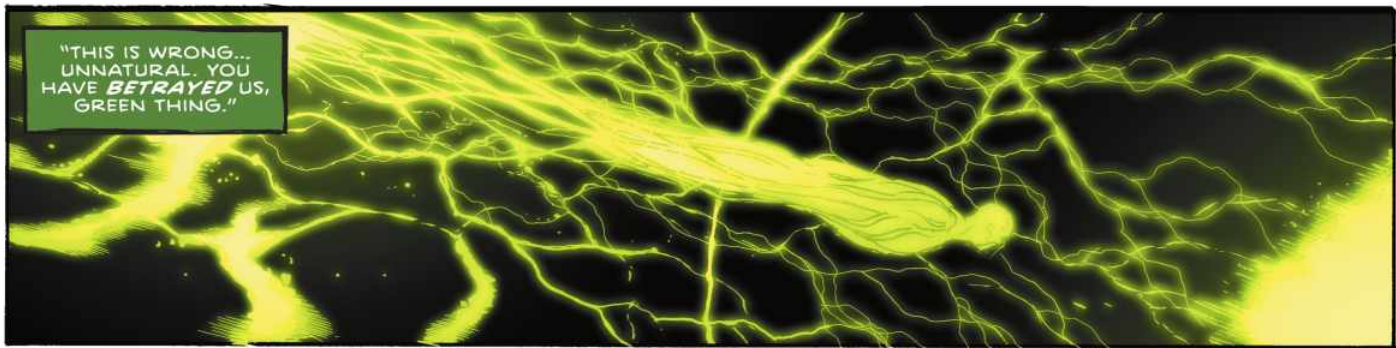


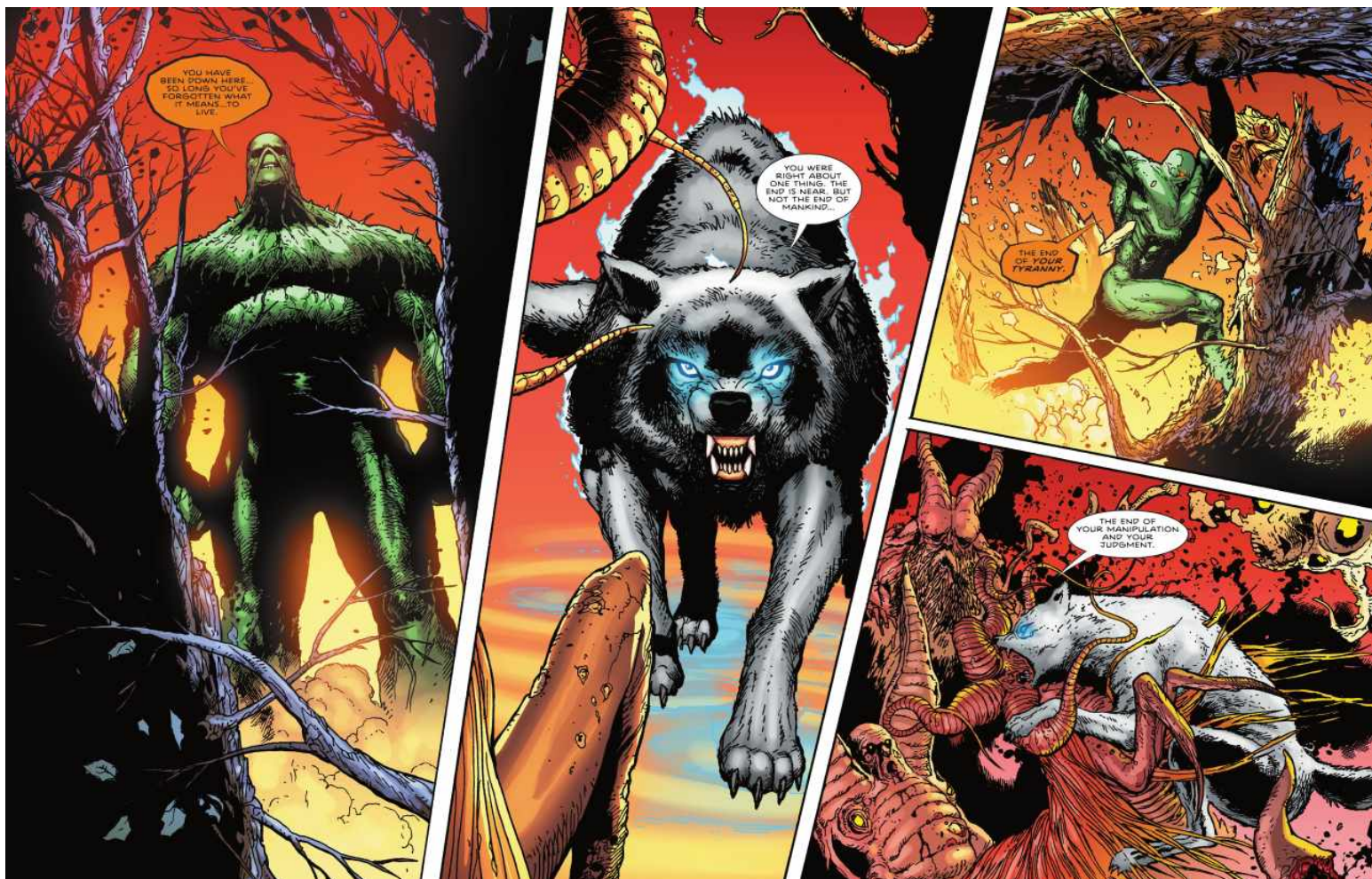
NOW
WHAT?

NOW?
NOW...WE
DO WHAT
**MUST BE
DONE...**
MAXINE.



NOW
WE BRING
ABOUT...**TRUE
CHANGE.**







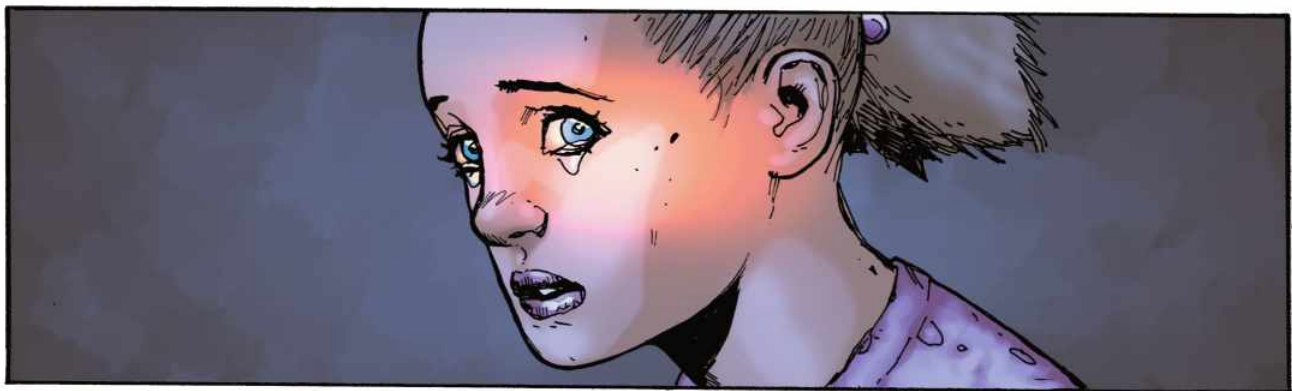
THE
PARLIAMENTS
ARE OVER.

LET *MAN*
DECIDE FOR
THEMSELVES
WHAT COMES
NEXT.

THE
ROT...

WILL
BEHAVE. ROT
IS NOTHING
WITH THE LIFE
WE GIVE
THEM.

THEN...
IT IS DONE.





DADDY.

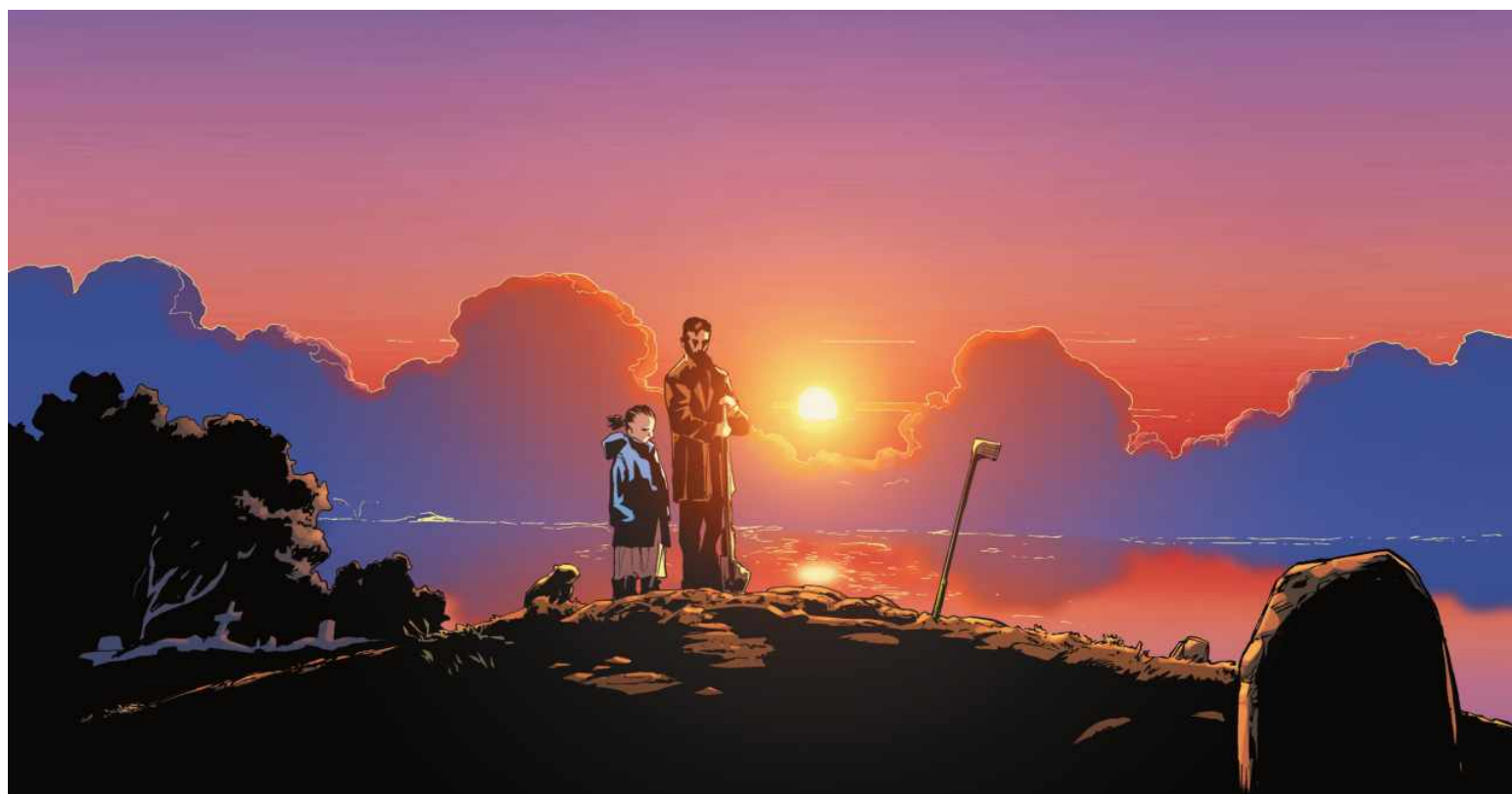
SHHHH...

IT'S OKAY.
I GOT YOU. IT'S
OVER NOW. IT'S
ALL OVER.



ALEC?



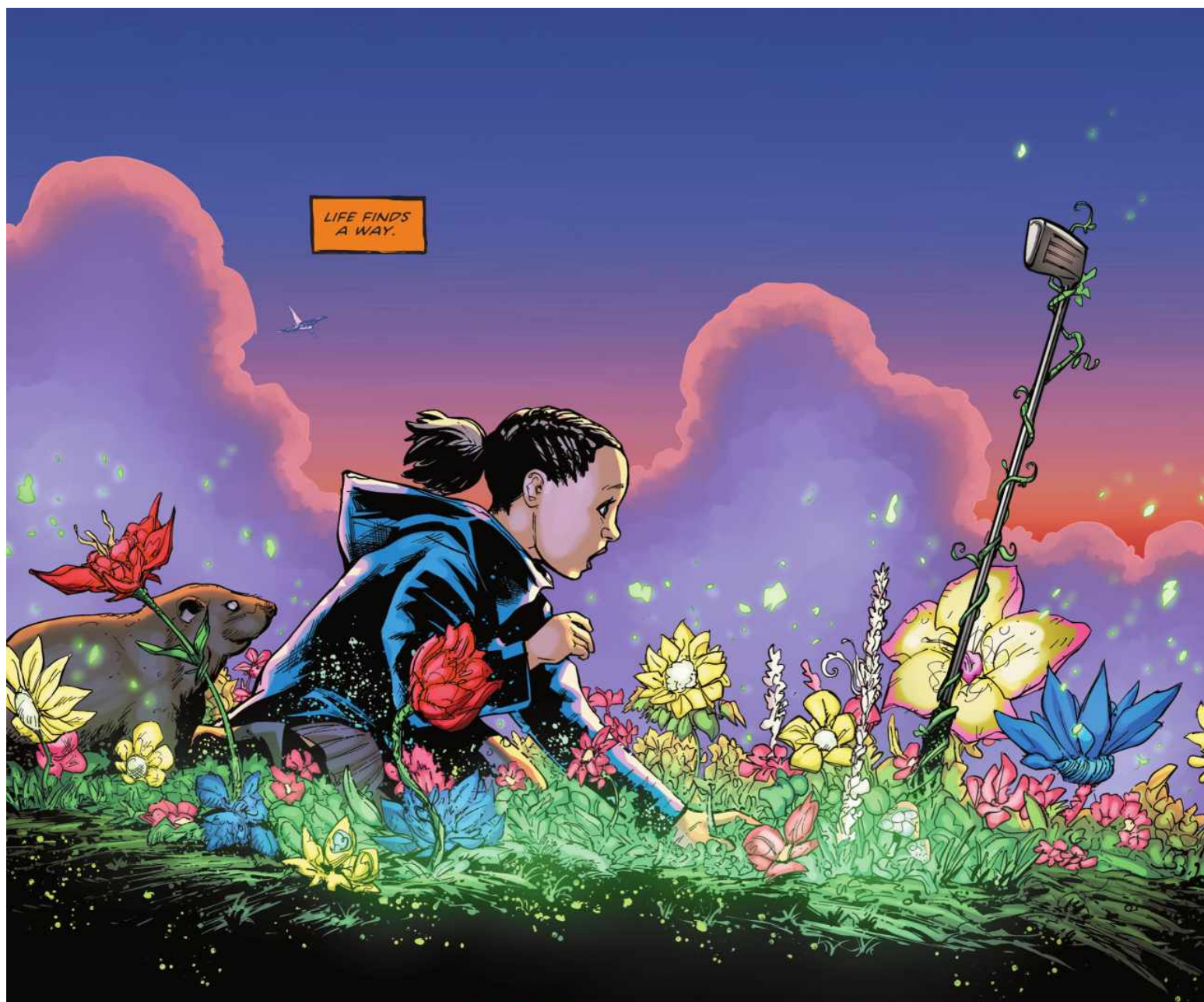


I GAVE EVERYTHING...
TO THIS WORLD. I WAS
ONCE A MAN. I WAS
ONCE...ALEC HOLLAND.
AND THEN ALEC
HOLLAND...ENDED.

THEN I WAS...
A MONSTER...
I WAS...A
CHAMPION OF
THE GREEN...
AND THEN
THAT TOO...
ENDED.

BUT NOTHING EVER
TRULY ENDS. NO
MATTER HOW
BLEAK. NO MATTER
HOW FAR AWAY
HOPE SEEMS...

BYE,
GEORGE.



LIFE FINDS
A WAY.



AND THE SWAMP
THING...SWAMP
THING NEVER DIES.

END.

CHRIS CONROY – EDITOR
MATTHEW LEVINE – ASSOCIATE EDITOR

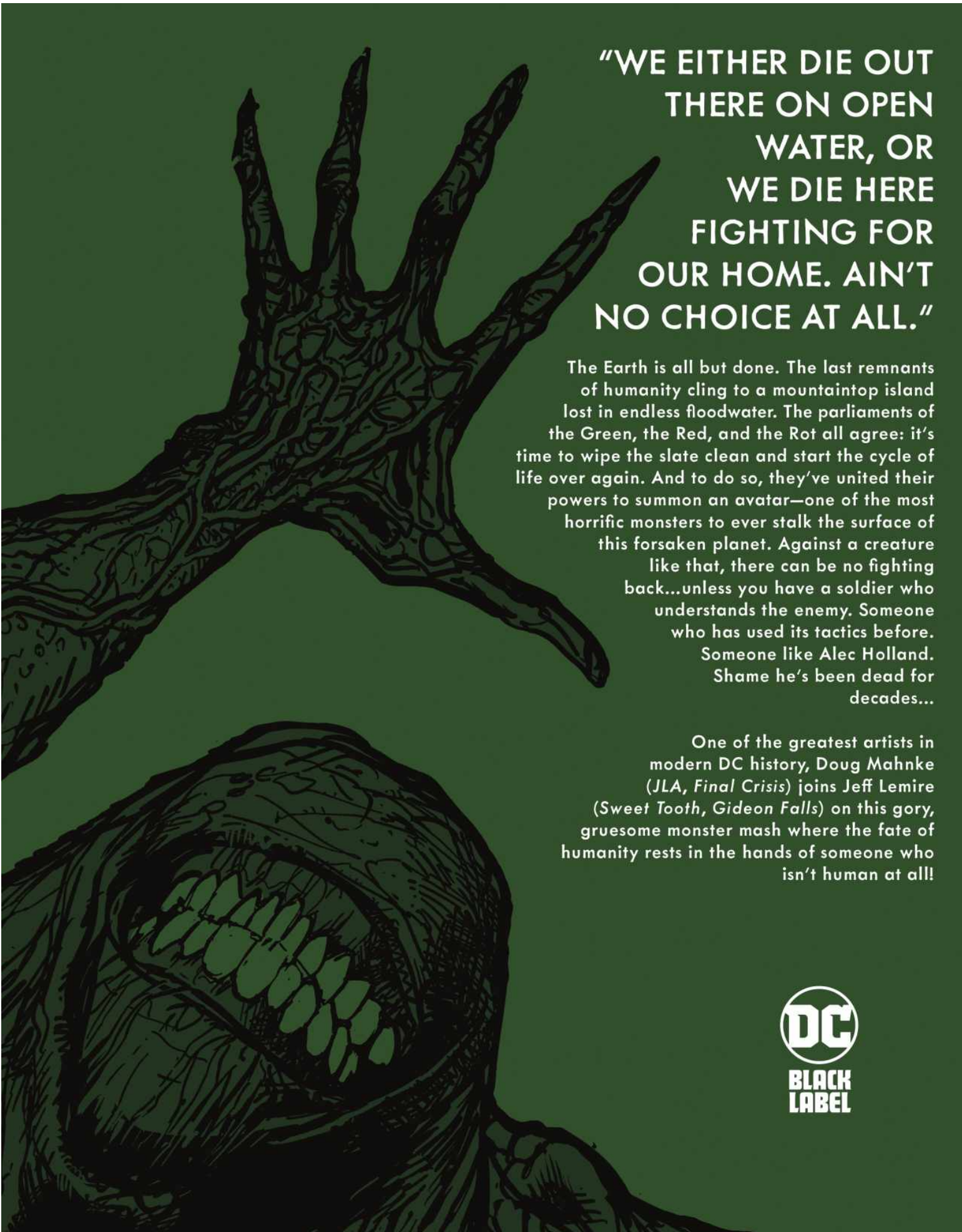
DARRAN ROBINSON – PUBLICATION DESIGN
TIFFANY HUANG – PUBLICATION PRODUCTION

MARIE JAVINS EDITOR-IN-CHIEF, DC COMICS

ANNE DePIES SENIOR VP – GENERAL MANAGER
JIM LEE PUBLISHER & CHIEF CREATIVE OFFICER
DON FALLETTI VP – MANUFACTURING OPERATIONS & WORKFLOW MANAGEMENT
LAWRENCE GANEM VP – TALENT SERVICES
ALISON GILL SENIOR VP – MANUFACTURING & OPERATIONS
JEFFREY KAUFMAN VP – EDITORIAL STRATEGY & PROGRAMMING
NICK J. NAPOLITANO VP – MANUFACTURING ADMINISTRATION & DESIGN
NANCY SPEARS VP – REVENUE

SWAMP THING: GREEN HELL 3, MAY, 2023. PUBLISHED BY DC COMICS, 4000 WARNER BLVD., BLDG. 700, 2ND FLOOR, BURBANK, CA 91522. GST # IS R125921072. COPYRIGHT © 2023 DC COMICS. ALL RIGHTS RESERVED. ALL CHARACTERS FEATURED IN THIS ISSUE, THE DISTINCTIVE LIKENESSES THEREOF, AND RELATED ELEMENTS ARE TRADEMARKS OF DC COMICS. THE STORIES, CHARACTERS, AND INCIDENTS MENTIONED IN THIS MAGAZINE ARE ENTIRELY FICTIONAL. DC COMICS DOES NOT READ OR ACCEPT UNSOLICITED SUBMISSIONS OF IDEAS, STORIES, OR ARTWORK. FOR ADVERTISING AND CUSTOM PUBLISHING CONTACT DCCOMICSADVERTISING@DC.COM. FOR DETAILS ON DC COMICS RATINGS, VISIT [DCCOMICS.COM/GO/RATINGS](https://dccomics.com/go/ratings).





**"WE EITHER DIE OUT
THERE ON OPEN
WATER, OR
WE DIE HERE
FIGHTING FOR
OUR HOME. AIN'T
NO CHOICE AT ALL."**

The Earth is all but done. The last remnants of humanity cling to a mountaintop island lost in endless floodwater. The parliaments of the Green, the Red, and the Rot all agree: it's time to wipe the slate clean and start the cycle of life over again. And to do so, they've united their powers to summon an avatar—one of the most horrific monsters to ever stalk the surface of this forsaken planet. Against a creature like that, there can be no fighting back...unless you have a soldier who understands the enemy. Someone who has used its tactics before. Someone like Alec Holland. Shame he's been dead for decades...

One of the greatest artists in modern DC history, Doug Mahnke (*JLA*, *Final Crisis*) joins Jeff Lemire (*Sweet Tooth*, *Gideon Falls*) on this gory, gruesome monster mash where the fate of humanity rests in the hands of someone who isn't human at all!

